(b) 30. The member was attending meetings occasionally and there had been no complaints from the Panchayat until 4th Karkadagam 1108, after which regular action has been taken according to the revised rules which came into force from 1st Chingam 1108 only.

(c) No.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes; he has not attended the first meeting of the Panchayat in its new tenure.

(f) Action will be taken against the member for his non-attendance in accordance with rule 59 of the Panchayat Rules.

(g) Yes; the member's explanation was called for. Copy of the representation is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Disqualified Panchayat Members—statistics of.

10. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim**:—With reference to the above question, will the Government be pleased to show the total number of disqualified Panchayat members in the State, indicating that after the separation of the Panchayat Department separately?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Statistics of members disqualified and removed for non-attendance at meetings have been kept from 1st Chingam 1108 only, when the new Panchayat Rules came into force. 11 members as shown below have been disqualified till now after that date:—

Year.	*No. of members disqualified.*
1108	6
1109	3
1110	2
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Disqualification of Panchayat members—rules regarding.

11. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim**:—Will the Government kindly give a full account of the existing rules, governing disqualification of Panchayat members for continued absence?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Section 10 of the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation V of 1089 as amended by section 7 of Regulation III of 1097 and section 2 of Regulation VI of 1109 and rules 57 and 59 of the Village Panchayat rules which govern the disqualification of Panchayatdars for non-attendance at Panchayat meetings are appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

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12. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the disqualification of Panchayat members for continued absence generally applies to that particular current Panchayat only or all or any of the future formations of that Panchayat?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The disqualification on account of removal from office is permanent unless it is removed by a specific order of the Diwan.

13. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly say how the answer to the previous question affects Mr. Kunjipockerkutty in (b) of Question No. 9 above, whether the disqualification that should have legitimately happened to him for his continued absence during the Presidentship of Panapparambil Mr. Kunjipockerkutty and of Mr. Krishnan should not stand against him in the present and future formations of the Panchayat, and what stand against the Government in enforcing the regulations now, though late?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—As the member has not been disqualified and removed, the question as to whether the disqualification will affect the member now and in future does not arise.

14. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— With reference to Question No. 13 above will the Government kindly state how they intend to improve the attendance of members in the said Panchayat?

Mr. P. V. Raphael. — By taking action against the absentee members as prescribed in the rules.

Removal of Mr. Kunjipockerkutty from Azhikod — Methala Panchayat.

15. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— With reference to Question Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 above, will the Government kindly state:—

(a) the total number of meetings of the Azhikode-Methala Panchayat that have been convened during its present tenure;

(b) of the meetings in (a) the number in which Mr. A. M. Kunjipockerkutty, a member of the Panchayat has attended;

(c) the reasons for not having removed Mr. Kunjipockerkutty of (b) from the Panchayat in accordance to the rules relating to absenting members;

(d) whether the Panchayat has not passed a resolution asking for Mr. Kunjipockerkutty's removal from the Panchayat;

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